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SUBJECT: SIAD'S PRAISE FOR USSR DROUGHT RELIEF

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1. AN-NAHAR HAS UNDOUBTEDLY MISQUOTED SIAD. IN PAST SEVERAL MONTHS, SIAD HAS ACKNOWLEDGED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS SOMALI GRATITUDE TO FOREIGN DONORS FOR DROUGHT RELIEF. HE HAS ALSO THANKED US FOR ITS CONTRIBUTION.

2. IN RECENT WEEKS, HOWEVER, SIAD HAS SAID THAT USSR ONLY COUNTRY TO HELP SOMALIA WITH REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT, WHICH IS NOT RPT NOT SAME THING AS DROUGHT RELIEF. IN NARROW SENSE, THIS IS PROBABLY ACCURATE INASMUCH AS USSR ONLY COUNTRY TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION -- BOTH PLANES AND VEHICLES -- TO MOVE NOMADS TO RESETTLEMENT SITES.

3. PUBLIC RECORDS IN MOGADISCIO ARE ABSOLUTELY CLEAR ON CONTRIBUTION OF FOREIGN DONORS -- INCLUDING US AND ARABS -- TO DROUGHT RELIEF. ARAB DONORS INCLUDE LIBYA (US\$ TEN MILLION); ALGERIA (MEDICINES AND MILK); IRAQ (WHEAT AND DATES); QATAR (WHEAT FLOUR); KUWAIT, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EGYPT, AND OTHERS. IT IS UNLIKELY THAT SIAD WOULD HAVE DELIBERATELY

IGNORED ARAB INPUT WITH AN-NAHAR.

4. WE CONCLUDE THAT AN-NAHAR HAS APPLIED SIAD'S WORDS ABOUT UNIQUENESS OF SOVIET AID FOR REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT TO ENTIRE DROUGHT RELIEF CAMPAIGN, WHICH IS AN ERROR. WE DO NOT RPT NOT TAKE IT AS REFLECTION OF SIAD'S POSITION, BUT IT IS TYPICAL OF SORT OF EGREGIOUS, HALF-BAKED ARAB REPORTING WHICH SOMALIS HAVE ATTEMPTED USE TO BOLSTER THEIR CREDIBILITY ON SOVIET BASE ISSUE AND OTHER PROBLEMS (I.E., SOMALI MEDIA ON JULY 12 REPORTED CONCLUSIONS OF ONE ARAB JOURNALIST TO EFFECT THAT US AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH HAS MISTAKEN MINARET FOR MISSILE AT BERBERA, THUS ACCOUNTING FOR MISUNDERSTANDING).
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